

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 176

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### A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Robert Manley of Humboldt.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Robert Manley; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Manley was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Robert Manley served with acumen and alacrity as President of the Humboldt branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), in which position he earned the respect of his peers and his community for his exceptional work and dedication; and

WHEREAS, during his exemplary life, Mr. Manley also served as County Commissioner, President of Humboldt's Just Organized Neighborhood Area Headquarters, and was one of the first African-American police officers in Humboldt; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Manley was an active and devout member of the Porter's Grove Baptist church, which he served faithfully for many years as Deacon; and

WHEREAS, Robert Manley was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Manley enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Bernice, and was the proud father of five, grandfather of fourteen, and great-grandfather of twelve; and

WHEREAS, a true community leader with a generous spirit, Mr. Manley was often described as a man who never passed up the opportunity to help somebody; and

WHEREAS, Robert Manley leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Robert Manley, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Manley.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.